

REMARKS

1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his helpful comments, suggestions, and for pointing out the allowable subject matter of Claims 9-15.

2. It should be appreciated that Applicant has elected to amend Claims 1 and 9 solely for the purpose of expediting the patent process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (9/8/00). In making such amendments, Applicant has not and does not in any way narrow the scope of protection to which the Applicant considers the invention herein entitled. Rather, Applicant reserves Applicant's right to pursue such protection at a later point in time and merely seeks to pursue protection for the subject matter presented in this submission.

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As to Claims 1 and 9, amendments were made to correct typographical errors. None of the foregoing amendments were related to the pending rejections.

3. The specification is amended to correct a typographical error.

4. Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

As to Claim 1, Applicant amends Claim 1 to clarify that the method is a computer implemented method implemented using computer readable instructions. It is well established that one can patent a process if the process may be used, *Dolbear v. American Bell Tel. Co.* 126 U.S. 1 (1888). Indeed, the Supreme Court has acknowledged that Congress intended 35 U.S.C. § 101 to extend to anything under the sun that is made by man, *Diamond v. Chakrabarty*, 447, U.S. 303, 309

(1980). As amended Claim 1 is tied to the practical application of generating a Hebrew character representation of a positive integer using a machine element controlled by man. As discussed in the application as filed, spelling out numeric values is useful in many instances, such as to impede counterfeits and to enhance numeric formatting software internationalization. Further, a spelled out number is useful for verification of a numeric number. Hence Claim 1 is directed to patentable subject matter as being a useful process under the control of man. Accordingly, the rejection of Claim 1 and to all claims dependent therefrom as under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is deemed to be overcome.

5. Claims 1 and 9 are amended to correct typographical errors.
6. Claims 7 and 8 are cancelled from the application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, the Application is deemed to be in allowable condition. The Examiner is therefore earnestly requested to withdraw all outstanding rejections and objections, allowing the Application to pass to issue as a United States Patent. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the application, he is respectfully urged to contact Applicant's attorney at (650) 474-8400.

Applicant does not believe that filing of this Amendment will incur additional fees. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to the Glenn Patent Group Deposit Account No. 07-1445, Customer No. 22862. Applicant considers this document to be filed in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,



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